

# CSWC Operational Period Summary

## 1800 March 13 2015 to 0600 March 14 2015



Waves and scattered debris are seen along the coast, caused by Cyclone Pam, in the Vanuatu capital of Port Vila, on March 13, 2015

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Note: [Report changes/updates are in blue](#)



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# SITUATION SUMMARY

## Significant Events - National

- (WP) **Prodding Republicans, Gov. Brown says California is a model on climate change and immigration** - California Gov. Jerry Brown (D) says his state's thriving economy is "a test case" that proves that some of President Obama's flagship policies work. In a Friday interview, Brown pointed to recent praise from former Bloomberg News Editor Matthew Winkler for the success large businesses there have seen relative to their peers in other populous states over the past several years. That the economy is doing well even as the state has implemented policies to address climate change and illegal immigration is proof that those policies work, Brown said, and a sign that his political opponents need to shed their aversion to both issues.

## Significant Events - International

- (AFP) **Super Tropical Cyclone Pam rips through South Pacific island of Vanuatu** - A huge tropical cyclone smashed into Vanuatu in the South Pacific, terrifying residents and leaving "complete devastation" with fears Saturday that dozens of people may have died. UNICEF New Zealand said Saturday Super Tropical Cyclone Pam could be one of the worst weather disasters for the Pacific. "While it is too early to say for certain, early reports are indicating that this weather disaster could potentially be one of the worst in Pacific history," New Zealand executive director Vivien Maidaborn said in a statement. "The sheer force of the storm combined with communities just not set up to withstand it, could have devastating results for thousands across the region."
- (BBC) **Thousands flee Chile forest fire** - Chile declares a state of emergency as a raging forest fire near the city of Valparaiso forces thousands of people to flee their homes. The fire is threatening the port cities of Valparaiso and Vina del Mar. The interior ministry said about 4,500 people had already been evacuated and another 10,000 might need to be moved. Valparaiso is still recovering from a forest fire last April that killed 15 people, injured more than 500 and destroyed nearly 3,000 homes. The fire began at an illegal garbage dump on Friday afternoon, officials said, and spread quickly fanned by strong winds. By late Friday, Chile's Emergency Office estimated that about 300 hectares (740 acres) had been affected. Emergency crews battled through the night to keep the flames from reaching residential districts in Valparaiso.
- (BBC) **Spain dismantles 'jihadist cell'** - Spanish police say they have arrested eight suspected members of a jihadist cell linked to Islamic State militants in dawn raids across the country.

# **SITUATION SUMMARY**

## **Radiological Incident, Hazardous Material Spill Report# 15-1458**

**2015-LAW-8984:** At 0217 hours, the CSWC was notified by the City of Stockton Police Department of 6 metal bars marked "Caution - Radioactive, Depleted Uranium". Per Cal OES LDO, a private citizen acquired 6 rods of depleted uranium from a friend. Stockton PD responded to the scene and performed Geiger counter readings. CDPH and Cal OES Radiological Branch advised that the readings were considered low level. Cal OES LDO coordinated support, response, and recovery from CDPH to Stockton PD. Per CDPH Radiological Branch, personnel are enroute to the incident location to recover the rods. **Mission closed.**

## **The Los Angeles Marathon 2015, Los Angeles County**

- The Marathon will take place on Sunday 03/15/15. The marathon route travels through the cities of Los Angeles, West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, and Santa Monica. Over 26,000 runners will participate. Southern Region is communicating and coordinating with Los Angeles County and participating cities to provide support as needed.

## **Weather of Concern**

### **Southern California**

- Near record breaking heat is expected this weekend in Southern California.
- A hot weather pattern will develop over the region as strong high pressure aloft develops. Near record breaking temperatures are expected for Saturday and Sunday when high pressure is strongest over the area. Temperatures over the weekend will range from the 80s to lower 90s across the coast to the mid 80s to mid 90s across the valleys and foothills. A cooling trend will likely begin on Monday as high pressure moves east of the area.
- Impacts:
  - Heat related illness or fatigue for persons outdoors and/or performing strenuous activity during the heat of the day, especially on the warmest days (Saturday and Sunday).
  - Elevated fire danger can be expected due to hot, dry and breezy weather conditions.
- No significant Weather Watches or Warnings are in effect.

**Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County:** [http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/www\\_bc\\_cal.php](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/www_bc_cal.php)

## **Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought**

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

# WEATHER

## WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

### **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:**

#### **Eureka Weather:**

A front will bring light rain showers to areas north of Cape Mendocino today and then more widespread rain to much of northwest California on Sunday into Sunday night. Lingered showers will continue through at least mid week.

#### **Medford Weather:**

A fetch of subtropical moisture is reaching very close to the forecast area. Over the next 12 to 24 hours the bulk of this moisture will remain offshore. Therefore, rainfall will be mostly light through the afternoon and focused at the coast. An upper level impulse tonight will help enhance rain over the forecast area mainly along and west of the Cascades. The heaviest precipitation will be well to the north of the forecast area, so only moderate rainfall totals are expected by the time precipitation tapers off Sunday night. Models are not yet in agreement on the second low pressure system which develops on Sunday along the coast. Drying and warming is expected on Monday as low pressure exits the region, and giving recent model trends, we're expecting less and less rain on Monday.

#### **Reno Weather:**

High pressure over the southwest U.S. will keep warm temperatures in place through early next week. Southwest winds will increase this weekend with the peak wind speeds expected on Sunday. There will be some low chances of light rain Sunday for northeast California. Low pressure may bring some showers next Tuesday and Wednesday.

#### **San Francisco Weather:**

A strong ridge over central California will result in potentially record breaking temperatures over the region today. A series of storm systems will track mainly north of the region this weekend, yet will bring high clouds and potential for light precipitation to the North Bay. Mostly dry and mild conditions are then expected for much of next week.

# WEATHER

## WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

### **CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY**

#### **Sacramento Weather:**

Some mainly light rain possible over the northern third of the forecast area beginning this evening, becoming more widespread northward of I-80 Sunday. Minor cooling over the weekend with breezy to windy conditions over higher terrain. Mostly dry next week except for continuing slight chance of light showers mainly over the elevated terrain.

#### **Hanford Weather:**

High pressure over the region will continue to bring dry conditions and well above average temperatures through the weekend. Slight cooling will occur early next week as a trough moves into the region and brings increased clouds, however temperatures will remain above normal. There will be a slight chance of mountain showers and possibly a thunderstorm Wednesday afternoon and evening and again Thursday.

### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:**

#### **Los Angeles Weather:**

Today will be another day of record breaking temperatures for many locations. There will be a few degrees of cooling on Sunday and again on Monday, but temperatures will still remain above seasonal norms. A weak low system will kick off a more significant cooling trend beginning midweek.

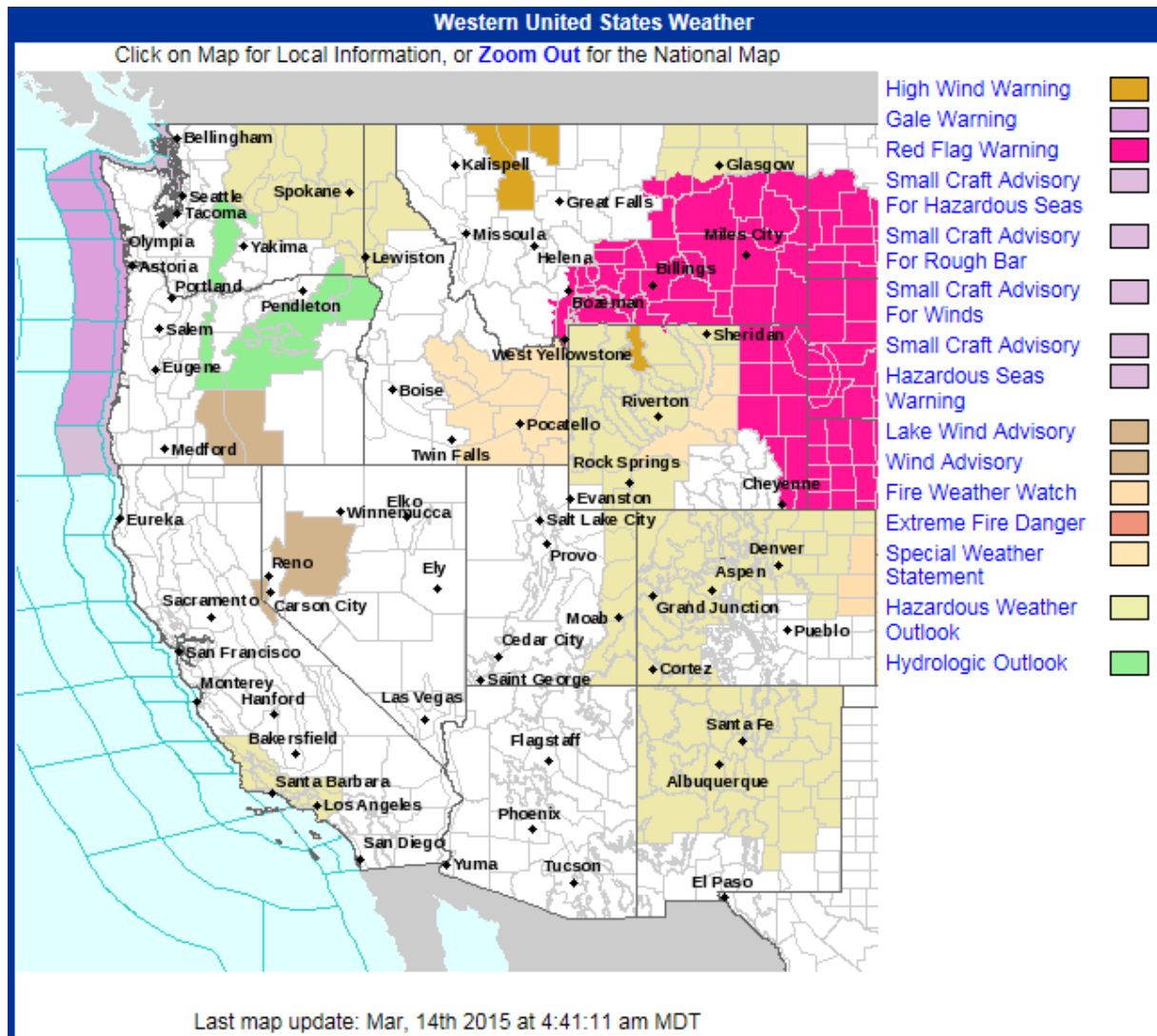
#### **Extreme Southwestern California Including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:**

High pressure aloft and weak offshore flow will continue well above average high temperatures this weekend with locally gusty northeast to east winds near the coastal foothills at times. Cooling will develop near the coast on Monday and spread inland along with a return of night and morning coastal low clouds and fog for Tuesday through Friday as a trough of low pressure develops near the California coast.

#### **Southeast California Weather:**

Dry and mild weather conditions will continue through early next week with the final weekend of winter feeling more like spring. Temperatures will warm 10 to 15 degrees above seasonal averages until an area of low pressure pushes into the desert southwest mid week and brings slightly cooler conditions and a chance of rain.

# STATE WEATHER MAP



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# **FIRE ACTIVITY**



## **Preparedness Levels**

### **National Preparedness Level 1**

#### **Northern California**

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

#### **Southern California**

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

## **California Fire Potential & Weather Maps**

### **Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential**

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

### **Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential**

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

### **California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings**

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

### **NWS California River Forecast Center:**

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>

# **RECOVERY ACTIVITIES**

## **Round Fire, Inyo and Mono Counties**

- On 3/11/15, the U.S. Small Business Administration approved a disaster declaration for the primary county of Mono and contiguous counties of Alpine, Fresno, Inyo, Madera, and Tuolumne. IA staff distributed notification letters.
- Recovery Debris Management Coordinator deployed to Mono County for debris management group meeting and site walk-through.

# CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

## Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate a monthly state interagency conference call regarding drought community impacts.
- Cal OES Regional (Inland, Coastal, Southern) conference calls continue to occur once a month.
- Cal OES Region/Recovery Call frequencies will change on and as needed basis.
- A Program Manager and an Emergency Services Coordinator (ESC) will respond to Fresno for a drought meeting on 03/12/15.

# CAL OES MISSIONS

## Cal OES Missions – Ongoing

- **2015-LAW-8932, 3/11/15, at 0700 hours**, Humboldt County Sheriff requested Human Remains Detention Dogs to assist in the search for two missing females who are presumed deceased. They have been missing for about 15 months. Personal property belonging to one of the victims was located in a wooded area off of Hwy 36 near Densmore, CA. The search is planned for Sunday, 3/15/15. Cal OES K9 Coordinator has secured 4 dog teams for the search. **Mission ongoing.**



**Mission:**

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

*We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.*